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Sir:

This is a submission to accompany a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 with respect to the above-identified pending patent application in which prosecution is closed.

Status of Application

This application presently stands allowed with allowable claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10-12, 14-18, 20, 21 and 23-32.

The Notice of Allowance sets a deadline of **October 1, 2003** for payment of the issue fee to continue the granting process.

Request for Continued Examination

This Request for Continued Examination is submitted in order to obtain consideration of prior art that is identified in an Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith, including a list of the documents on a PTO-1449 form.

It is respectfully submitted that this request meets all requirements under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 and that continued examination of this application is appropriate.

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Amendment to Claims

The claims are amended as shown on the appended LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS which shows the status of all claims in the application and amendments to the previous claims in the application. All rights are reserved with respect to any canceled claims, and any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer.

Amendments to Drawings

Formal drawings are submitted herewith in compliance with the requirement contained in the Notice of Allowance indicating that corrected drawings are required for this application.